

AUSTRIA READY TO GIVE ALL ITALY WANTS FOR PEACE

ately clinging to the starboard rail. Time and again the waves beat the rescue boats back.

"Goodby, all, if we're not here in the morning!" called Capt. Williams as darkness fell with the second night. When dawn came nothing showed on the water waste but a mud-colored wreckage.

ITALIANS ARE EXPECTING A NEW GERMAN DRIVE

Gen. Diaz, the Commander-in-Chief, Confident It Will Be Checked.

ROME, Feb. 15.—Gen. Armando Diaz, Commander-in-Chief of the Italian Army, in an interview in the Giornale d'Italia, says now that the eastern front does not threaten the Central Empire, Italy must be prepared for a new Austro-German effort against it.

"It is impossible to say," he added, "when that may occur, much depending on the weather."

Gen. Diaz said he had through confidence in the Italian soldiers who had made such a splendid resistance on the high plateau of Monte Grappa and along the Piave, but they need the support of the whole country.

DRIVE IN THE BALKANS MAY BE NEXT GERMAN MOVE

Talk of Attack in West Possibly a Cover for Move in Serbia or Italy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—That Germany intends a major offensive against the Balkans and Italy is a growing view in Entente military quarters here.

The result of the proposed troop movements of the Entente on the west front was said by reliable sources to be merely the replacement of tired, short divisions by full, fresh divisions, with an appreciable numerical strengthening at one point only.

Germany's constant advancing of her moves and her plans for a big west front offensive have made military men skeptical of her real purposes. While the Italian-Italian drive is talked there, also believed that the Germans may plan a smash through Switzerland and Austrian military advances throw no light on either problem.

FRENCH PLANES BATTLE WITH A SUBMARINE

Drop Bombs on the Submersible in English Channel and Probably Destroyed It.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—An encounter between two French hydroplanes and a German submarine in the English Channel recently probably resulted in the sinking of the U boat. It had been bombed by the planes, according to an official announcement by the French Admiralty.

The planes saw the submarine on the surface. The submarine plunged, but it did not disappear before the aviators had succeeded in dropping several bombs on or near the periscope. While one plane returned to the base for more bombs, the other kept watch and saw the submarine emerge after a few seconds with a list to port of 45 degrees. After attempting to right itself the submarine again disappeared, only to reappear a third time. Its instability increased and suddenly the observer saw the submarine list still further and sink, so that even the periscope could not be seen.

GERMANY IS DESTROYING HOPE OF POLISH UNITY

Reporting the Country by Tackling Pieces of It on Other Governments.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—"Do people, especially the American people, understand what Germany is doing in Poland?" asked the Mail today.

"She is trying to make the dream of a reunited Poland impossible. She is repatriating Poland by tackling pieces of Polish territory on other governments."

BERLIN REPORTS LOSS OF AIRPLANES BY ALLIES

Places Number at 151 During January to 68 for the Germans.

BERLIN, via London, Feb. 15.—"The enemy lost 151 airplanes and twenty captive balloons on the west front during January," the War Office announced today.

"During the same period we lost sixty-eight airplanes and four captive balloons."

BERLIN ANNOUNCES PARLEY WITH ROUMANIA

Renewal of Armistice Likely to Precede Negotiations for Peace.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 15.—Berlin newspapers of Thursday evening intimate that peace negotiations with Roumania are about to be opened.

The day, although an official communication has been issued, it was assumed that Roumanian negotiators who will first discuss a prolongation of the armistice have arrived at a place agreed upon.

Two More Americans on Canadian Casualty List.

OTTAWA, Feb. 15.—The following names of Americans were included in last night's casualty list: Killed in action, W. H. Kates, South Birmingham, Ala.; J. C. Brown, Illinois, Mont.

ALLIATION'S FOREIGN TRADE PLACED UNDER LICENSE SYSTEM BY PROCLAMATION OF WILSON

Regulation of Exports and Imports Aimed to Assist in Transporting Army.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—President Wilson today issued a proclamation placing the entire foreign commerce of this country under license. Effective to-morrow, no commodities may be exported or imported from or to the United States except by special license.

The new restriction on imports was deemed necessary because of the increased tonnage shortage and demand for all available bottoms for war supplies. It is one of the most far reaching steps President Wilson has yet taken, involving as it does delicate diplomatic questions and sharp curtailment not only of American industry but the commerce of the whole world.

The following explanatory statement was issued by the War Trade Board:

"The President has today issued two proclamations which will become effective to-morrow. The purpose and effect of these proclamations are to subject to control by license the entire foreign commerce of the United States and from and after Feb. 16, 1918, no commodities may be exported from this country or imported into this country except under license."

"The President has heretofore issued several proclamations controlling certain exports under the provisions of Title VII of the Espionage Act, and one proclamation controlling the importation of certain commodities under the provisions of Section 11 of the Trading With the Enemy Act. The military situation and the tonnage situation have made increasingly apparent the necessity of instituting a complete and thoroughgoing control of all our exports and imports."

"The transportation of our armies to France and the maintenance of a continued flow of supplies and munitions, needed to maintain them in fighting trim, require the use of every ton of shipping which can possibly be devoted to these purposes. This demand must be met, and if it becomes necessary to curtail our exports of imports, these measures which are forced upon us by the critical tonnage situation and the necessity of availing ourselves of every possible means of maintaining our armies in France."

"The limitation of exports is necessary also to conserve the products of the country for the use of our own people and to conserve the resources associated with us in the war."

"We must dispose of this surplus in such a way as to aid, as far as possible, those countries to the south which have always depended upon us; we must also dispose of our surplus in such a way that Germany and her allies will derive no benefit therefrom, and we must return shipping and supplies urgently needed."

"The promulgation of these two proclamations does not mean an embargo on exports or a prohibition of imports, but places in the hands of the President the power to regulate which he will exercise through the War Trade Board and the Treasury Department."

"This power will be exercised with the single purpose of winning the war, and every effort will be made to avoid unnecessary interference with our foreign trade and to impose upon our exporters and importers no restrictions except those involved in the accomplishment of definite and necessary objects."

"As heretofore, licenses for the export or import of coin, bullion, currency, evidences of debt or of ownership of property, and transfers of credits will be issued by the Treasury Department. Licenses for all other exports and imports, including merchandise, bunkers, ships' supplies, &c., will be issued by the War Trade Board."

AMERICANS LEAVE TRENCHES FOR A REST

First Contingent Goes to a Camp in the Mountains of Savoy.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—The first contingent of American soldiers on leave after duty in trenches in the American sector goes this afternoon to one of the new rest camps which have been prepared for the American troops in the mountains of Savoy, in southeastern France. The men will have ample and comfortable hotel accommodations.

Entertainment will be provided by professional actors and theatrical managers, including E. H. Sothern, Winthrop Ames and Miss Lole Fuller, who met the soldiers today at Aix-les-Bains. Other contingents will follow. The next is due on Wednesday of next week.

Woman and Child Killed in Building Collapse.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 15.—A woman and a child were killed and seven other persons were injured in the collapse of two old tenement buildings in Third Street near the Ohio River front here early today. The buildings crumbled under pressure of a strong wind.

BERLIN STRIKERS GET LONG TERMS IN PRISON

Court-Martial Sentences One Man to Serve 42 Months—Boy of Seventeen Gets Two Years.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 15.—A number of persons who took part in the recent strikes in Berlin have been sentenced to prison by extraordinary court-martial.

The heaviest sentence, 42 months of penal servitude, was imposed on a metal worker named Itatjok for attempting to hold up a street car. Another metal worker named Meyer was condemned to serve 18 months for a similar offense. One boy of seventeen, also a metal worker, was sentenced to a term of two years and another to six months for distributing leaflets and urging women workers to strike.

NEUTRALS TO PROTEST LOAN CANCELLATION BY BOLSHEVIKI

Common Action by Spain, Switzerland and Scandinavian Governments Expected.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 15.—European neutrals are about to take common action in protesting the Bolsheviki's cancellation of loans to the Russian Government. It was learned here today.

Spain has already announced her willingness to participate in such a move, and answers are expected soon from the Swiss and Scandinavian Governments.

The Dutch Minister at Petrograd has protested against the Bolsheviki's action and has announced his intention of asking an indemnity.

BRITISH KING AND QUEEN CHEERFUL ON WAR RATINGS

Food Regulations Rigorously Observed by All at Buckingham Palace.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Lord Rhonda's food regulations are rigorously observed by King George, Queen Mary and other members of the royal household at Buckingham Palace, Sir Derek Koppel, master of the household, declared in an interview with the Express today.

"Their attitude is simply wonderful," said Sir Derek. "They accept the restrictions with the most noticeable cheerfulness and with real pleasure."

U. S. ARMY ABROAD FAR BELOW PLANS, WEEKS CHARGES

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men in the world and could not judge their capabilities, Senator Weeks said the answer was "somewhat flippant," and that it is impossible to expect a department whose head makes such a statement, to make many changes which an outside investigation has shown to be necessary.

Asserting that it is "physically impossible" for the President individually to coordinate and direct all of the Government's functions, Senator Weeks added:

"Can it be possible the President will be embarrassed by such a 'Can't do' as it would seem as if he would be embarrassed to a greater extent by a perpetuation of the disjointed system which now exists—a system which failed to produce ships, notwithstanding the unbounded cost supply we have, which imposed responsibility on a failure to protect our soldiers against sickness and furnish them with suitable clothing."

"We are the inventors and leaders in airplanes and yet we have no airplanes. We have the greatest steel works in the world, and yet we have few guns. We lead the world in automobile manufacture, and yet we are just commencing to outfit motor trucks, and worst of all, the system we have is responsible for camp hospitals not having heat, water or sewerage."

Furnishing of food to the army, Senator Weeks said, has been a "famous success" due to Gen. Sharpe. He also praised Gen. Crozier, chief of ordnance.

Although praising efforts of the War Department toward reorganization, Senator Weeks said Edward R. Stebbins, the civilian supervisor of purchases, is in an "impossible position" and that the Administration is "throwing away an opportunity to make an effective organization" by rejecting the plan for a munitions director.

Senator Weeks was followed by Senator Kirby, Democrat, who declared he was compelled to reply to the "unjust criticism" and the "unwarranted assertions."

NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE.

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